

Art Unit: 1648

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lee Cheng on July 30, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said genetically biotinylated scFv Ab is a genetically biotinylated streptavidin-binding peptide tagged recombinant ~~biotinylated~~ scFv Ab.

Amendment to the specification, p. 5, line ⁶~~7~~:

“as taught in US Patent Application No. 10/096,246, now U.S. Patent 6,818,748, herein incorporated by reference”

Amendment to the specification, p. 6, line ³~~6~~.

“In US Provisional Application No. 60/448,902 submitted earlier (which is herein incorporated by reference), the present inventors genetically fused a gene encoding a streptavidin-binding peptide to an anti-VEE scFv antibody gene. In order to provide proper antecedent basis for the term “genetically biotinylated,” the following construction example from 60/448,902 is incorporated: